Articles of Agreement Indented had made Concluded and fully agreed upon by and between John Kearsley Evan Morgan Jacob Duchee James Child Redmond Conyngham Alexander Stedman Attwood Shute Samuel McCall junr. John Willcocks Joseph Sims and Willm. Plumsted of the City of Philadelphia Gentlemen a Committee of the Vestrey of Christ Church in the said City of the one part and Robert Smith of the same City House Carpenter of the other part in manner and form following that is to say, First the said Robert Smith in Consideration of the Covenants promises payments and Agreements herein after mentioned on the part of the said Robert Smith to be performed made fullfill'd and kept for himself his Heirs Executors and Administrators doth Covenant promise and Agree to and with the said John Kearsley Evan Morgan Jacob Duchee James Child Redmond Conyngham Alexander Stedman Attwood Shute Samuel McCall junr. John Willcocks Joseph Sims and William Plumsted and each of them their and each of their Heirs Execurs. & Admins. That he the said Robert Smith shall and will with all Convenient Speed Erect Build and in a Workman like manner Substantially Build or Cause to be built on the East End of a Certain Lott of Land lately given for that purpose by the Honble. the Proprietories in the said City bounded on Pine Street and third street of the said City, a Church or House for the Worship of Almighty God according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England of the Dimensions and form following that is to say, of the Length of Ninety feet above the Base or Water Table ~~in the Clear~~ and of the Breadth of Sixty feet above the Base also ~~in the Clear~~, that the Foundation of the same Building shall be Stone and Mortar four feet below the present Surface of the Earth That the Bottom of lower part of the said Stone Foundation shall be three feet in Thickness and at the Top there two feet three Inches thick That the Walls above the said Foundation shall be thirty Seven feet high and Composed of good Merchantable Bricks and Mortar and to be two Bricks & a half or twenty one Inches thick in the sides of the said Building and Gable Ends or Walls in the Pedements above the Square to be one Brick and a half or fourteen Inches thick and to be Carryed up or raised as high as the top of the Roof, That there shall be Rustick Work on each Corner of the said Building to be made of Stock Bricks properly Moulded for that purpose That a Margin shall be made of the said Stock Bricks round each Window of the said Building To Project before the face of the Walls That there shall be in the South and North sides of the said Building two Doors Twelve feet high and five feet wide opposite to each other with Frontispieces That there shall be in the South and North Sides aforesaid large Circular headed Windows below or in the first Story and five Smaller Circular headed Windows above or in the Second Story That the Window Cases and Sashes are to be made are to be made by the said Smith Independent of the Brick Work That the Sash lights shall be made of Sound two Inch heart of pine Planks, and the said Smith shall find and provide good English Glass for the same Sashs of Ten by fourteen Inches each pane That in the East End of the said Building there shall be two large Circular headed Windows below or in the first Story with One large Venetian Window neatly finished on the out Side That in the same East End there shall be two Smaller Circular headed Windows above or in the Second Story with one Round Window in the Pedement, That in the West End of the said Building there shall Three large Circular headed Windows below or in the first Story and three smaller

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Circular headed Windows above or in the Second Story That there shall be a Cupola Erected and Compleatly finished on the West End of the said Building of Ten feet Diamter and at least Thirty two feet high from the Top of the Roof to the Top of the Vane, that the said Smith shall provide and fix thereon a large Ball & Vane Composed of Copper and to be neatly Gilt That there shall be a large Modillion Cornice to the Eves and round the said Building and five large Urns properly placed & fixed at the Corners & tops of one Pedement at the Ends of the s.d Building That the Roof of the said Building shall be Truss'd well framed and bound with Iron That the Frame of a Circular Ceiling shall be made and fixed under the Roof ready for the Plaisterer to Lath and plaister on together with a large Cornice under the Spring of the Arch for the Circular Ceiling, That there shall be two Stone steps to each of the four doors or more Stone Steps if Necessary That there shall be a Stone Window Stool to each of the Windows to Set the Frames upon with a Moulding on the outer side to project over the Walls to Carry the Water off, That there shall be Key Stones & imposts or Blocks of Stone to the Arch of each Window And the said Robert Smith doth Covenant for himself his Heirs Execu.rs & Adm.rs to and with the s.d John Kearsley Evan Morgan Jacob Duchee James Child Redmond Conyngham Alexander Steadman Attwood Shute Samuel M.c Call jun.r John Willcocks, Joseph Sims and W.m Plumsted and each of them their and each of their Heirs Executors and Adm.rs by these presents That he the said Robert Smith his Heirs Ex.rs & Adm.rs or some or one of them [illegible] will at his and their own proper Costs and Charges, Purchase find & provide all and every the Materials, to wit, Stones Bricks Lime Sand Timber Scantling plank boards, Iron and Smiths Work Lead, Copper Nails Shingles and Glass and every Material Necessary for the Erecting on Building and in Manner afores.d Compleatly finishing the Building or House together with all Workmen Artificers and Labourers for doing and performing the same agreeable to the plan thereof hereunto Annexed and shall and will at his own proper Costs and Charges paint or Cause the whole outside work afores.d to be painted and well finished with three different Coats of paint of a good stone Colour well laid on And if That the said Robert Smith his Executors or Adm.rs shall Cause or procure the s.d Building to be Erected and finished in manner afores.d and as near agreeable to the hereto Annexed plan as may be on or before the first day of November which will be in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & fifty nine And the s.d John Kearsley Evan Morgan Jacob Duchee James Child Redmond Conyngham Alex.r Stedman Attwood Shute Sam.l M.c Call jun.r John Willcocks Joseph Sims and William Plumsted for themselves their Heirs Execu.rs & Adm.rs in Consideration of the premises do hereby Covenant promise and agree to and with the said Robert Smith his Heirs Ex.rs & Adm.rs in manner following That is to say That they the said John Kearsley Evan Morgan Jacob Duchee James Child Redmond Conyngham Alexander Stedman Attwood Shute Sam.l M.c Call jun.r John Willcocks, Joseph Sims and William Plumsted their Heirs Ex.rs & Adm.rs or some or one of them shall & will well and truly pay or Cause to be paid to the said Robert Smith his Heirs Ex.rs or Adm.rs the Just & full Sum of Two Thousand three Hundred and Ten Pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania at the days and times and in the proportions herein after mentioned for payment thereof that is to say the Sum of one Hundred Pounds Money afores.d on the first day of September next or when the said Robert Smith shall begin to lay the Foundation for the Building afores.d

And

And the Sum of One Hundred Pounds on the first day of October next, the further Sum of One Hundred Pounds on the first day of December next and the further Sum of One Hundred Pounds on the first day of May next and the Sum of One Hundred and Seventy Pounds when and so soon ~~[illegible]~~ as the Masons begin to lay Bricks, the further Sum of One Hundred and Seventy Pounds when so soon as the Brick Work of the said Building all around shall be Six feet high, the further Sum of One Hundred and Seventy Pounds when and so soon as the Brick work afors^d all around shall be Twelve feet high the further Sum of One Hundred and Seventy Pounds when & so soon as the Brick work afs^d all around shall be Eighteen feet high the further Sum of One Hundred and Seventy Pounds when so soon as the Brick Work afores^d all around shall be Twenty four feet high, The further Sum of One Hundred and Seventy Pounds, when and so soon as the Brick work afores^d all around shall be thirty feet high the further Sum of One Hundred & Seventy Pounds when and so soon as the Brick work afs^d all around shall be Thirty Seven feet high the further Sum of One Hundred Pounds when the Roof & Cupola are raised, The further Sum of One Hundred Pounds when the Roof is Shingled in & the Cupola finished, The further Sum of Two Hundred Pounds when the Windows are all Glazed fixed and put in and the Residue thereof, to wit the Sum of Three Hundred and Twenty Pounds when the Buil[illegible] aforesaid [illegible] Agreement here in before Mentioned and as near as may be to the plan hereunto annexed is Compleatly finished & painted And Lastly the said Robert Smith for himself his Ex^{rs} & Adm^{rs} doth promise to and with the s^d Committee from time to time hereafter to be under the Direction & Instruction of the said Committee touching & Concerning the s^d Premises, for the true performance whereof the said parties do Bind themselves their Heirs Exec^{rs} and Adm^{rs} each to the other in the penal Sum of Four thousand Pounds Money aforesaid In Testimony whereof the Partys to these Presents have interchangeably set their Hands & Seals the fifth day of August In the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & fifty Eight

It is agreed that the Scaffolds be kept up for the use of the Plaisterer

Robt Smith

Sealed & Delivered
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The Committee } Articles of Agreement
To } for Building a Church
Robert Smith }

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Articles of Agreement

made and fully concluded upon, this ~~Twenty eighth~~ day of June, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and Eighty four. **Between** Benjamin Wynkoop, Francis Gurney John Morris Robert Towers John David and John Chaloner A Committee of the Corporation of the Rector, Churchwarden and Vestry Men, of the united Episcopal Churches of Christ Church, and Saint Peters Church, in the City of Philadelphia and State of Pensylvania, for and on behalf of the said Corporation, on the one Part, And John Parker and William Gray of the aforesaid City, and State, on the other Part **Witnesseth**; that the said John Parker and William Gray; Hereby contract and agree, to Erect and Build up a Wall at Saint Peters Church Yard, agreeable to the Plan and description hereunto annexed, that is to say the foundation of the Wall shall be of stone, One foot Six Inches thick, and four feet high to the level of the ground. Then Nine Inches higher of stone, and one foot three Inches of Brick; One foot two Inches thick to the Top of the Water Table, Then three feet Six Inches of the best Nine Inch Work, and Coped with Bricks made for that Purpose and if required, a course below the Coping to be One brick and a half thick of the best hard burnt Bricks, and Stock bricks for the Piers. No deduction to be made for Gateways; nor any addition for Piers. Now the said John Parker and William Gray Contract and agree with the Committee for and in behalf of the Corporation aforesaid

Aforesaid, to erect and build up the Wall before described, and to find and furnish all materials, and finish the Work in a Workmanlike manner or so much thereof as the said Committee or a Majority of them shall direct; All and after the Rate of twenty Shillings and Six pence by the foot, running Measure; No wrought stone or Iron work in this Estimate; but the Top Course of Stone to be hammered fair, and pointed neat. The Committee of the Corporation whose names are before inserted, Do promise and agree, to pay or cause to be paid, unto the aforesaid John Parker and William Gray the Sum of Fifty pounds, as soon as the work begins; and the further Sum of Fifty pounds as often as required so to do, Provided Materials be delivered, and work done to full amount of the Money requested to be advanced, The said John Parker and William Gray further promise and agree with the Committee before mentioned, that they will provide good Workmen and Materials, and erect and finish the said Wall with all convenient speed And it is further contracted and agreed by and between the parties to these presents that the said Committee or a Majority of them for and in behalf of the Corporation aforesaid, shall have liberty to erect a Palisade Iron fence in front of Saint Peters Church with Gates on each end thereof - The said John Parker and William Gray agree to make an allowance for any deduction in the brick or Stone work occasioned by any deviations from the plan first laid down in this Agreement and to be allowed for any additional stone work at

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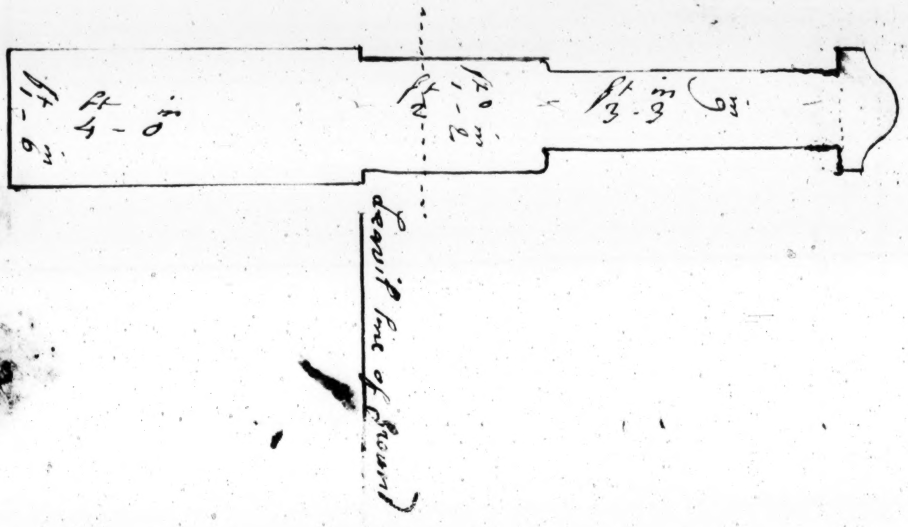
At the Rate of twenty shillings and six pence pr Perch stone Measure. Now the contracting parties in this Agreement Do, hereby bind themselves to each other in the penal Sum of One hundred pounds of Gold or Silver Money; which Sum shall be Immediately paid by the Parties who shall infringe or break this Agreement unto the Parties complying with it agreeable to its true Intent and Meaning



And it is further agreed by and between the parties aforesaid that no Money shall be paid Under this Agreement either to the said John Parker or to the said William Gray except at the Joint Request of each of them given in writing to some one or more of the Committee aforesaid. And in Testimony thereof the Parties aforesaid have hereunto set their Hands and Seals the day and Year first above mentioned

Whereas John Parker having by the Consent of the Parties concerned, declined erecting his proportion of the Wall mentioned in the above Agreement; I William Gray do hereby agree with the Committee aforesaid, to erect the Wall around St Peter's Church burying Ground on the Terms mentioned in the Agreement aforesaid, And Whereas it was proposed only to erect about five hundred Feet of the said Wall in the Course of the present Year, I do hereby covenant and agree with the Committee aforesaid to finish the Whole of the said Wall in Manner aforesaid, and in suitable Season in the present Year, agreeable to a Minute of Vestry passed for that Purpose August 12th 1784, And on my being paid the Sum of one hundred Pounds more than the Valuation of the said five hundred Feet of Wall with the extra Stone Work therein as first proposed to be erected, I do hereby release the Committee aforesaid and each of them from the Payment of the Balance that

first above mentioned

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Sealed & delivered in presence of

Lewis Malson

George Reese

Willm. Gray

Benjamin Wynkoop

John Parker   John Morris

Robt. Towers

Willm. Gray   Jno. David

Sealed & deliverd in
presence of us   John Chaloner
Willm. Moulder
Jacob Graff
And by Francis Gurney in the presence of Saml. Gurney

George Ord

Articles of Agreement
Benjamin Wynkoop & others
a Committee &c
with
John Parker & Wm. Gray

Philada September 20th 1801

Proposals for doing the church Now building in seventh street the plaistiring to be done at 25 cts per yd & finding all materials which shall be of the best kind & all the stoco work that is to be done in the said building at 25 cts per ft & also finding materials which when finished all to be measured at the customary way of measuring

Jos. Jordan

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Proposals
to the Managers
of the Church
Building in
Seventh St

Dear Sir— The 19 of January 1807

my Son & Self have at length Compleated the plan for a Church as nearly Agreeable to directions from you and Capt. Simmons as possable; Should it meet the approbation of the Vestry we consider our Selves amply rewarded for Introducing A plan which embraces the most Conveniences we are Capeable of Introducing— together with Something noble & pleasing to the Spectators. And that with A Small expence Above that of a plain building; it may be Observ.d that by Introducing Six large Collumns Compleatly Supports the roof Suitable for Slating or Shingling, the difference between the Coving with Slate or Shingles, is as ten is to fifteen so that the probable difference in the Church roof if Slated will be four hundred dollars more then to Cover with Shingles; the fire proof within the Cornice is only 4½ Inches Conveyed up to the Slate plumb with the Outside of wall; the uper part of Cornice which formes A gutter, is Supported with A Small Expence by Iron knees nailed to back of Cornice, the remainder of Cornice is fixed with blocks in the wall, so that if the Cornice Should Cetch fire it may burn ... without Communicateing to the roof or any Other ... by Indeavering to keep the Expence of the Church down as much as possable, I think the plan is two feet too low which may be added without altering any other part of the plan, the addetional Expence will be two hundred dollars in the Brick work between the heads & Sills of windows, one Cause for Arching the Ceiling in three parts, is to provide Sufficient heighth for the long middle pipes of Organ without Any Alteration hereafter, the plan and Scale Explain every Other part Excepting that of ... Organ Bellows, which may be placed in the ... just below the Bellringers floor which ... in Venetian window —

your Obed.t Servt.
John ...

Peter Bowens Esq.r

The Subscribers Agreable to direction from building Committee have made the following Estimets, for Inclosing the Church to Wit —

Bill of Scantlin - 56870 feet @ 20 Dollars	- - -	1137.40 -
Shinglelath - - - - 10200 Do - @ 80 Cents pr	- - - -	81.60
Shingles - - - - - - - 19000 - @ 22 Dollars	- - - -	418 -
Scaffoling poles 104 - - - @ 1 Do	- - - - - -	104
Scaffoling ropes - 2720 feet @	- - - - - - -	44.88
Nails and Spikes	- - - - - - - - - - - - -	161.50
Lomber for Cornice window frames Sashes doors and Scaffoling Includein 20000 feet of Sap boards	}	870 -
Glass Panting and Glazeing	- - - - - - -	582
Plastering Ceiling Includeing Stoco & meterials		350
Smith Work of Rafters	- - - - - - - -	207
Copper pipes & Gutters	- - - - - - - - - -	340
Carpenters Work Includeing riging Expences		3464.54
		$7660.92

for Completeing the Inside to Wit

3560 feet of hart plank @ 55 Dollars	. .	195 80
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36000 Do White pine Do - - @ 20 Do	. . . .	720 -
~~Ironmongary~~ And Nails	- - - - - - - -	274 -
Plastering Includeing Materials	. . .	526.75
Panting front of Galary Pulpet & Numd Pews		150
Carting Meterials	- - - - - - - - - -	220 -
Carpenters work to Complete Inside	- - .	4532.36
		$ 7863.01

We the Subscribers Agree to build the Church for the Sums of Many Within Estimated or do the Carpenters work at the discount of fifteen P Cent

John Keen & Son
George Summers
Alphonso C Ireland
Daniel Knight
Saml Wheeler Jr

Carpenters Estimates

Peter Browne

Esqr

New Mills March 16th 1807

Respected friend

I have Imbratt & oppertunity of writeing A few Loins to you In order to know whether you have Agreed on your plan of Building your Church and if you have Agreed I am now Redy To Begin to Saw your Bill of Scantling provoided we Can Agree upon terms pleas to Send me A Coppy of the Bill of Scantling And I will Let you know immediately what I will Cut it for A thousand pleas to Send the Bill By the Barer Stacey Watkinson From your most humbel & Affectionate friend

William Roberts

to John Murrel

To
John Murrel
Philadelphia
Chania Merchant
Second Street

favord By
Stacey Watkinson

The Subscribers offers to lay the Brick and Stone in the Church to be built for the Episcopal Congregation viz the Brick at two Dollars and Sixty Seven Cents per thousants and the Stone Work at Seventy five Cents per perch

Charles & Jacob Souder

To the Committee of the Episcopal Society

March 20th 1807

To

The Committee of the
Episcopal Church

Bill of Scantlin for Saint James's Church in the City of Philad.a

Ling or Poplar	20 Rafters	9 by 10 & 15 Inches	34 feet long		5100
D.o or do	10 D.o Collar Beams	9 by 15	33 D.o		3712.6
D.o or D.o	20 Hammer Beams	9 by 15	32 D.o		7200
Good Oak	10 King Posts	9 by 20	9 D.o		1350
Ling or Poplar	20 Braces	7 by 7	8 D.o		653
D.o or D.o	54 Purlines	7 by 7	8 D.o		1764
D.o or D.o	12 D.o	7 by 7	11 D.o		539
D.o or D.o	9 Ridge pieces	5 by 8	8 D.o		240
D.o or D.o	1 D.o	5 by 8	11 D.o		36.8
Poplar	146 Jack Rafters	2½ by 5	23 D.o		3490
D.o	146 D.o	2½ by 5	12 D.o		1852
D.o	572 D.o Ceiling Joice	2 by 6	8-3 D.o		4719
D.o	6 Wall Plates	6 by 20	31 D.o		1860
the above for Roof					
White Oak	236 Joice for Lower floor	3 by 10	14.6	D.o	8496
D.o	40 D.o for Steeple	3 by 12	20	D.o	2400
Oak D.o	120 Joice for Galry	3 by 10	15.6	D.o	4650
Poplar	2 Girders	9 by 16	66	D.o	1584
D.o	1 D.o	9 by 16	30	D.o	360
D.o	12 Collums	11 by 11	12	D.o	1584
Oak	1500 feet of 3 by 4 for Raising Pews				1500

I William Roberts of Hanover township in the County of Burlington State of New Jersey do engage to cut & deliver the foregoing Bill of Scantling On such Wharffe in the City of Philadelphia as the Committee for Building the new protestant Episcopal Church of St James in the said City may direct, the whole to be delivered On or before the first day of July next Ensu=ing the date hereof for the sum of Nineteen Dollars ℘ thousand feet in Conformaty to the foregoing Bill the whole of which to Be good Merchandable Stuff

Philad.a 4th April 1807 — Wm Roberts

Witness

Jacob Beck

Wm J Brown

Bill of Scantling

The Assistant Church Warden of St Peters Church to whom was referred the letter from the Secretary of the female Sunday School Society begs leave to Report

That he has carefully considered the same, And in order that Vestry may be enabled to decide upon full and authentic information, he has procured from Mr Strickland Architect, a Plan and estimate of the expence of the proposed building, which is herewith submitted - The encouragement of a Society whose objects are so laudable, and whose exertions have been so useful; As well as the Necessity of furnishing St. Peters Church with a Vestry room, the want of which has long been felt, induces the Assn. Warden to recommend that the measure should be adopted -

From the Estimate furnished by Mr. Strickland the expense would be Drs 700 which includes every thing - and he assures the Assn. Warden that it can be compleatly finished in three weeks - The female Society liberally offers to supply $200 towards the Object; but the Assn. Warden begs leave to recommend that this should not be accepted - All which is respectfully submitted

Jno. Miller
Assn. Warden
St Peters Church

Philada. 4 Octr. 1820

Report by the assistant Warden of St. Peters Church on the letter of the managers of the Female sunday School society of that church

Read in Vestry October 4th. 1820.

John Miller Esqr

Sir,

Accompanying this communication you will receive the proposed plan of a Sunday School room to be attached to the West end of St. Peters Church. —

The dimensions are marked on the plan and exhibit all the space that can be appropriated to that object without obstructing the light of the two windows on each side of the Vestry room —

I have estimated the whole cost of the Materials & workmanship and find that it can be completely finished for $700 — Yours very respectfully

William Strickland Archt

Philada Septr 14th 1820 —

John Miller Esqr.

Sept. 14th. 1820—

Wm. Strickland archt.

to

John Miller Esq. ... }

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To the Commitee for painting
Christ Church

Gentlemen

I will agree to paint the woodwork. Stone cills return cornishes keystones heads and plinths. and Iron railing and Gates outside of Christ Church two coats with the best material and in a workmanlike manner for One hundred and forty nine Dollars $149..00

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380 for Gilding

And I will further agree to paint the wood work inside of the Church two coats Gild the Organ pipes. and ornamental work on the Organ. letter the tablets in Gold, Gild such ornamental work near the communion as may want it. and Gild & paint the chandalier chain and ornament in the Ceiling for Five hundred and forty Dollars respectfully yours &c &c

$540..00

John Kenworthey

Philada 2nd Septr 1828

NB the pews that are now painted inside are included in this Estimate

should the commitee wish aney part of the above work omitted I will make the reductions accordingly

JK

540 for painting & Gilding
160 taken off for Gilding the Organ Pipes
380 painting the inside of the Church
307-75 for painting the Ceiling
689-75

380 painting Church
242-75 Ceiling
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Estimate for Painting
Christ Church

Care of

George Bringhurst Esqr.

Chairman of the Committee for painting
Christ Church

John Kem[illegible]hey
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Philad[a] Feby 10. 1832

To the Wardens of Christ Church

Gentlemen having been Caled on by Mr Bringhurst to Examine the Site for A furnace to heat the Church on Examination do find there can be one built that will be sufficient for that purpose for the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars or there abouts -

Saml. Sunderland

$250..

Saml. Londerbacks
proposal to build a
furnace to heat Christ
Church Feby 10. 1832
read in Vestry March 28. 1832

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1832

To the Committee on the alteration of Christ Church

Gentlemen,

In compliance with your request, I have examined Christ church, with refference to the proposed alteration of the Gallery into 32 slip pews, and find it practicable without altering the present appearance of the Church.

It will be necessary to strengthen the Gallery by trussing the front on the inside, this may be accomplished without removing the panneling on the outside; — in its present situation I think it unsafe, it has already yielded to the super=incumbent weight, the deflection of the timbers ~~[illegible]~~. composing the front is evident.

The Galleries were originally supported by additional columns, these should not have been removed without substituting some other support.

The aforesaid alteration of the Pews and strengthening of the Galleries will cost Four hundred dollars

This estimate does not include cutting down the front of the Galleries, which, I think would not be necessary in so partial an alteration, if the fronts of the side Galleries be made lower, the organ Gallery must also be altered in the same manner, all this alteration would cost Fifty dollars additional.

You further requested, me to suggest such other improvements as would tend to the comfort ~~and~~ of the congregation, and the beauty of the house; this, to me, is by no means an unpleasant duty, I have often looked with regret at the many innovations on the original purity of the Archi=tecture of Christ Church, and it affords me pleasure to think, that there is some hope of its restoration to

its pristine beauty.

First, I suggest that the organ be moved to within three feet of the west wall, the attic Gallery taken away and the bellows placed in the steeple, the Gallery for the choir reduced in width, and so arranged as not to mar the harmony of the original architecture, and the stairs to the organ Gallery from the steeple made more convenient. ——

The organ at present being so far from the walls of the house, and the space behind it being broken up with the bellows Gallery, the effect of the music is much injured —— 'tis also impolitic to have so many of the best pews in the house covered with the organ Gallery.

Secondly — The whole architectural effect of the interior is injured by the hanging of the Galleries to those beautiful doric columns —— I therefore recommend that the whole of the Galleries be taken down and rebuilt, so as to be lower at the front than they are at present, and to clear the large columns, they may be supported from said columns by means of strong cast Iron brackets so fixed in the Gallery front as not to be seen.

This arrangement will produce 36 comfortable slip pews in the Galleries, exclusive of ample accommodations for the choir

Thirdly, — I propose that all the old pews on the principal floor of the Church be removed, and 132 new slip pews substituted, these should be constructed with refference to the comfort and convenience of the Congregation, the backs should be made not more than three feet high above the floor, and to deviate from a perpendicular line in the same manner as the back of an ordinary chair, the seats should incline back so as to make the pews comfortable.

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Fifthly, — The present manner of heating the Church is quite ineffectual, and the Stove pipes and flues mar the beauty of the Architecture; I therefore suggest the propriety of removing all the Stoves, the pipes and the flues in the N. W. and S. W corners of the Church, and in lieu thereof, I propose to construct a large furnace for the purpose of sup=plying the Church with rarified air; — a cellar may be excavated under or near the door lead=ing from the Vestry room to the nave of the Church and the furnace built in this cellar, the rarified air to be admitted into the Church thro an iron grating made in the floor.

This, I believe to be the only method by which the Church can be warmed effectually, the ceiling being so very high.

By this manner of heating we may obtain com=fort without marring the beauty of the Church or interupting the worship by making fires &c.

Sixthly — The eastern window opening into the chancel, is altogether useless for purposes of light, and must be a great annoyance to the congregation, yet it is of importance to the Architecture to retain it, this may be done and its inconvenience a=voided, by placing permanent blinds each slat to be so wide as to prevent any possibility of seeing thro' from any attainable position in the house, by this means, all the glare of light may be de=stroyed and the beauty of the window preserved, I also suggest the propriety of making an addition=al Sash in the window, on the outside of the blinds

for the purpose of keeping out the noise from second Street.

Seventhly — If these alterations are made, it will be necessary to paint the whole interior of the Church, including the walls.

I have estimated the expence of making all the aforementioned Alterations and improvements, and am of opinion, that the whole may be accomplished for Three thousand dollars.

The propriety of reducing the height of the ceiling and making it a flat surface has been suggested, this would make the house easier to speak in, and it could be warmed with more facility, but this alteration would completely ruin the architecture of the building, and destroy all that dignity and ecclesiastical effect so completely attained in this venerable fabric.

It has also been proposed to remove the stairs on each side of the pulpit, and extend the Galleries to the east wall of the house, this would also mar the symetry of the work, tis now a beautiful arrangement, all the parts in the ceiling of the chancel, repose on corresponding parts in the sides, there is now perfect symetry and harmony in all the proportions, which I would regret to see violated.

I have proposed nothing but what would have a tendency to restore the church to its pristine beauty: — I cannot conceive that the original Architect ever intended to put the organ in the middle of the church, and support it on columns that have no sort of analogy with the rest of the Architecture, neither do I think that he intended to mar his beautiful and massive columns by thrusting into their sides a tremendous Gallery

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he, no doubt, intended to have a Gallery, from the fact of his making two stories of windows, but it is just as certain that he intended the Gallery to fall back from the columns.

The detail of the arrangement of the Pews and the Church floor are of minor importance as it regards the architectural effect. comfort and convenience should govern us in this par=ticular.

As it regards the manner of heating the Church the plan suggested approximates nearer to the designs of the original architect than we can attain to in any other way. It is a fact well known, that when Christ Church was erected, no fires were used in Churches, warm=ing places of worship is a very late improvement, consequently, in the architectural disposition of the parts, no provision was made for flues; the introduction of which can be considered as nothing less than an interpolation on the origin=al design.

It would afford me great pleasure to see the interior of Christ Church restored to its primitive beauty, and made to combine the comfort and conveniences of modern times

I am gentlemen
With great respect
Your Obt. Servt.

To
Messrs. Kempton, White & Wheeler
Committee on the alteration
of Christ Church

Thos. U. Walter Archt.

Philada. April 29. 1831

Thomas U Walter Architects
plan for altering & improving
the interior of Christ Church
April 29, 1834.

To/ the Committee on the
alteration of Christ Church

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Clapp & Roberts Venetian blind Makers agree with the Committee of Vestry of Christ Church — to take down, repaint, repair, make new latchers with the best binding & double on the outside, repair in the best and most durable manner, rehang them in the best and most secure manner with the best drum cord & tapes, the following blinds now in the Church — to wit —

4 — Four at the East windows
5 — Five on the South side first story
6 — Six on the South side second story or Gallery
1 — One West end, South side Second Story or Gallery
1 — One West end, North side, first floor to be made to correspond with those on the South side to be put up, at the new window that is to be made where the South East door now is — and also

they agree to make of the best material to be finished & put up complete, Eight new Blinds for the North side of the Church to correspond in all respects with those on the South — & One for the small window in the Gallery, West end, North side to correspond with the old one at the corresponding window on the South of the West end of the Church —

All broken or cracked slats &c of the old blinds to be replaced by new —

All to be put up, well secured with Iron double hooks to belay the cords when the blinds are hoisted, for the sum of Two Hundred and twenty five Dollars

Philadelphia June 13th 1836

Clapp & Roberts

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agreement, repair
& make new blinds
for Christ Church

[Prob 1836?]

The Stuffing & Lining One Hundred an Sixty Eight pews finding all materials except Hair & Moreen at 1.20 ps — $ 201.60

504 lbs Curl.d Hair equal to 3 lbs to each pew at 40 lbs — — 201.60

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We can complete the whole in three weeks from the time we commence —

John Hancock & Co
5th & Walnut St

John Hancock & Co
Terms for
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Lot Corner of 5th & Arch St. - Christ Church Burial Ground
Is about 360 feet front on 5th Street. -
and about 210 feet front on Arch Street. -
To fence round the same with Cast Iron Railing, with Posts similar to
those round Washington Square. -
Will require about 550 ft. of Fencing including the Gates, and exclusive
of Gate Posts which are of Granite. -
The Bars to be 6 ft. Long between the Rails, and 6 Inches apart. -
The Posts to be 8 feet Apart - with a Shield for the Cap. -
The Rails to be 8 feet Long. -

Will require	70 Posts & Shields for Cap	Suppose Wt. 2 Ct. Wt ea	is	7 Tons. -
	1030 Bars & Caps	do	1 qr. 7 lb	16 -
	70 Bottom Rails }			
	70 Top ... do } is 140 Rails		1 Ct. 3 qr.	12 -
	Supposed weight			35 Tons

Value

35 Tons Castings ... @ 56 Ds. pr. Ton of 2240 lb ea is	$1960. -
The wrought Iron work on 2 Gates similar to those on Washington Square should not cost more than $20 ea	40. -
Probable cost of Iron	$2000. -

Philada. July 30th 1840

Philadelphia Aug 1. 1840

Mr Trigquair Esqr

Sir I propose to finish you with Granite fence stone to be sot on the corner of 5 St & Arch = say two hundred and four feet on Arch & three hundred forty two feet of 5 street the Granite be of the same kind of that round washington square and one ft 3 in on top & one ft 6 in deep to show 15 in by 15 in and 3 in to be below the pavement the whole to be sot complet that is cut and delivered and sot complect in the most workman like manner and no extra charge for four 43/100 Dollars per foot line the work to be equal to that round the Washington Square

in regard to the foundation I will take down the old wall and dig a new foundation and lay it 3 ft deep 18 in wide and cart a way the old rubbish for eighty Dollars

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Estimate
Cost of Iron Railing
around Christ Church
Burial Ground 5th &
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Cost around
Washington Square

M. Kempton [illegible] will remove
the chimneys in back room & kitchen
place folding doors in lower story
in finishing all work & materials if you
will order your carpenter to floor over
over the openings of chimneys fix
up cubbards & stairs effected by the
removing of chimneys
August 10th 1841 —

Mr. Williams to do all the above at his own Expense & Charge. Except the Lumber & Carpenters work in covering over & completing the floors where the Chimneys may be removed from & to fence out a Cubbard in Back room & a Dresser in the Kitchen, & to put in Stairs that may be required by the removal of the Chimneys

Aug 30, 1841

The above is the agreement relative to repairs of House No 15 Rose St

Geo. W. Williams

Moses Kempton
Warden Ex Ch

Disposed

Aug 10 1841

Memorandum
of Repairs at House
No 15 Race St